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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL COOPERATION: POLITICAL DIRECTORS'

MEETING, ROME, SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4: SCHEDULE FOR

FUTURE EC MEETINGS

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1. EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONCLUDED TWO DAY ROME MEETING IN EARLY EVENING SEPTEMBER 4. THIS AND FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS SUMMARIZE THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (TO EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO CONVENE IN VENICE ON SEPTEMBER 11) AS GIVEN US BY MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PLAJA AND OTHER MFA SOURCES.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE UNABLE TO FIND MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATES FOR NEXT SESSION OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THEY AGREE

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IN PRINCIPLE THAT IT SHOULD PRECEDE BY TWO WEEKS THE OPENING OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER ENERGY DIALOGUE. SINCE THAT REMAINS IMPRACTICAL, THE DIRECTOS SOUGHT ALTERNATIVE ACCEPTABLE DATES. THEY FOUND THAT THEIR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CALENDARS ARE ALREADY BOOKED TO THE POINT THAT SOME LEADERS WILL HAVE TO REVAMP THEIR PLANS TO MAKE THE COUNCIL FEASIBLE. THEY ARE SEEKING TIME AT THE END OF NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER.

3. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL MEET AGAIN IN NY ON SEPTEMBER 23 IN PURSUANCE OF A TACIT BUT EVER STRONGER AGREEMENT TO MEET AD HOC WHENEVER CIRCUMSTANCES (SUCH AS OPENING OF UNGA) PERMIT. THE NEXT "REGULAR" MEETING OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL BE IN ROME ON OCTOBER 20. VOLPE

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